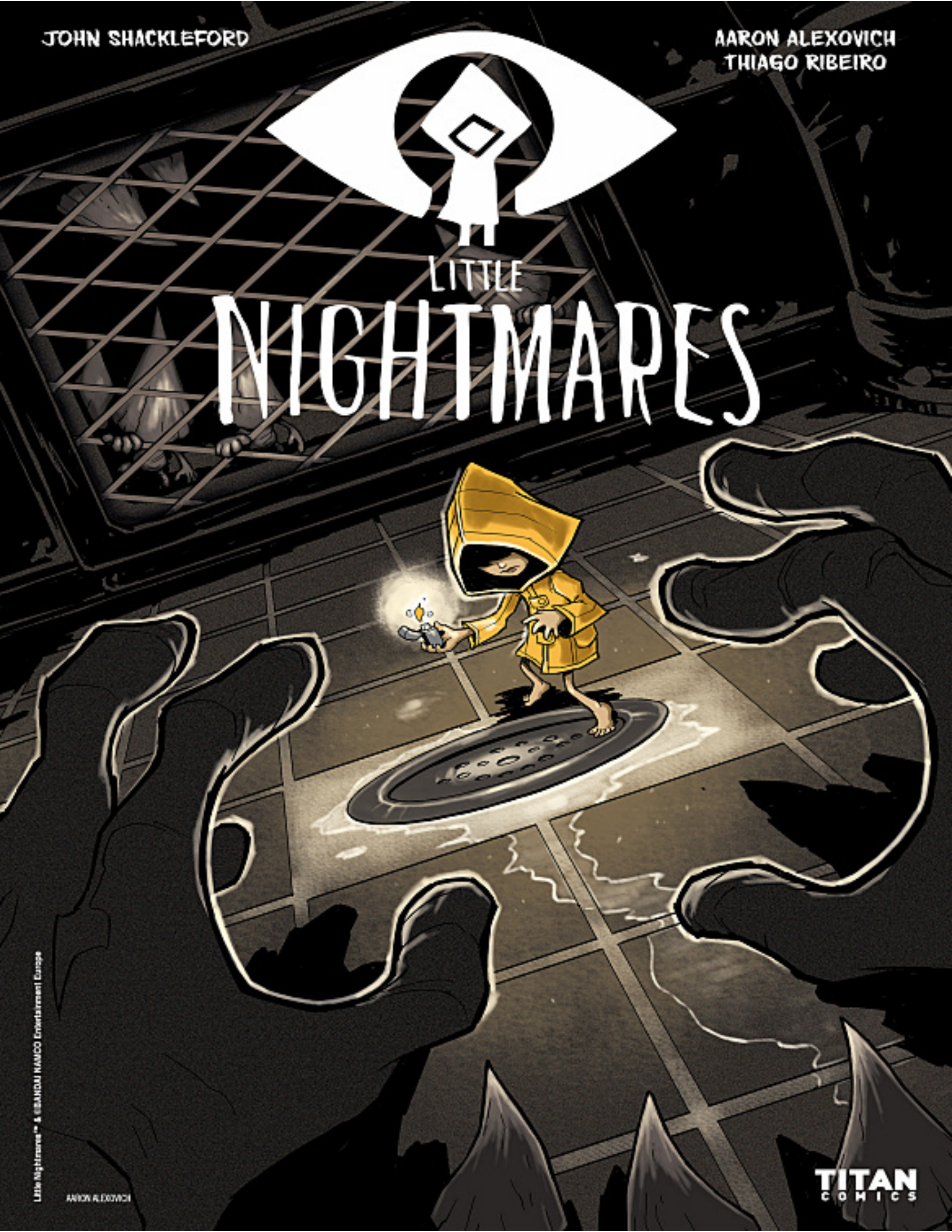
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THOSE BLOATED FINGERS WOULD SOON FIND ANOTHER MORSEL.
VERMIN WERE DRAWN TO THE KITCHEN, DRAWN TO SEE THE CHEF...
BUT SIX HAD SEEN ENOUGH. SHE SEARCHED FOR WARMTH...
...AND ALL SHE FOUND WAS THE FIRE.
YOU!

YOU DON'T BELONG HERE! Y...
BLUUCH
IT'S NOT SAFE NOW. I GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY A WHILE.
SO... HOW DID YOU GET HERE? WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN?

WHAT HAS SHE SEEN...?
...THAT THE OTHERS MISS?
THEIR BULGING CHESTS SO STUFFED WITH SECRETS...
ROTTEN LITTLE SECRETS THAT WILL CRUSH YOU. SO YOU RUN.

YOU SEARCH FOR THE SHADOWS.
BUT THE SHADOWS FIND YOU FIRST.
FOREVER AT YOUR HEELS, THEY HUNT YOU DOWN...
...AND BRING YOU HERE.

WHAT'S THE LAST THING YOU REMEMBER? TELL ME.
IF YOU DON'T TELL US, YOU'RE SURE TO FORGET ALTOGETHER.
THESE LITTLE LOST THINGS... NEVER LAST FOREVER.

NOT HERE, IN THE LAIR OF THE IMPOSSIBLE MAN.

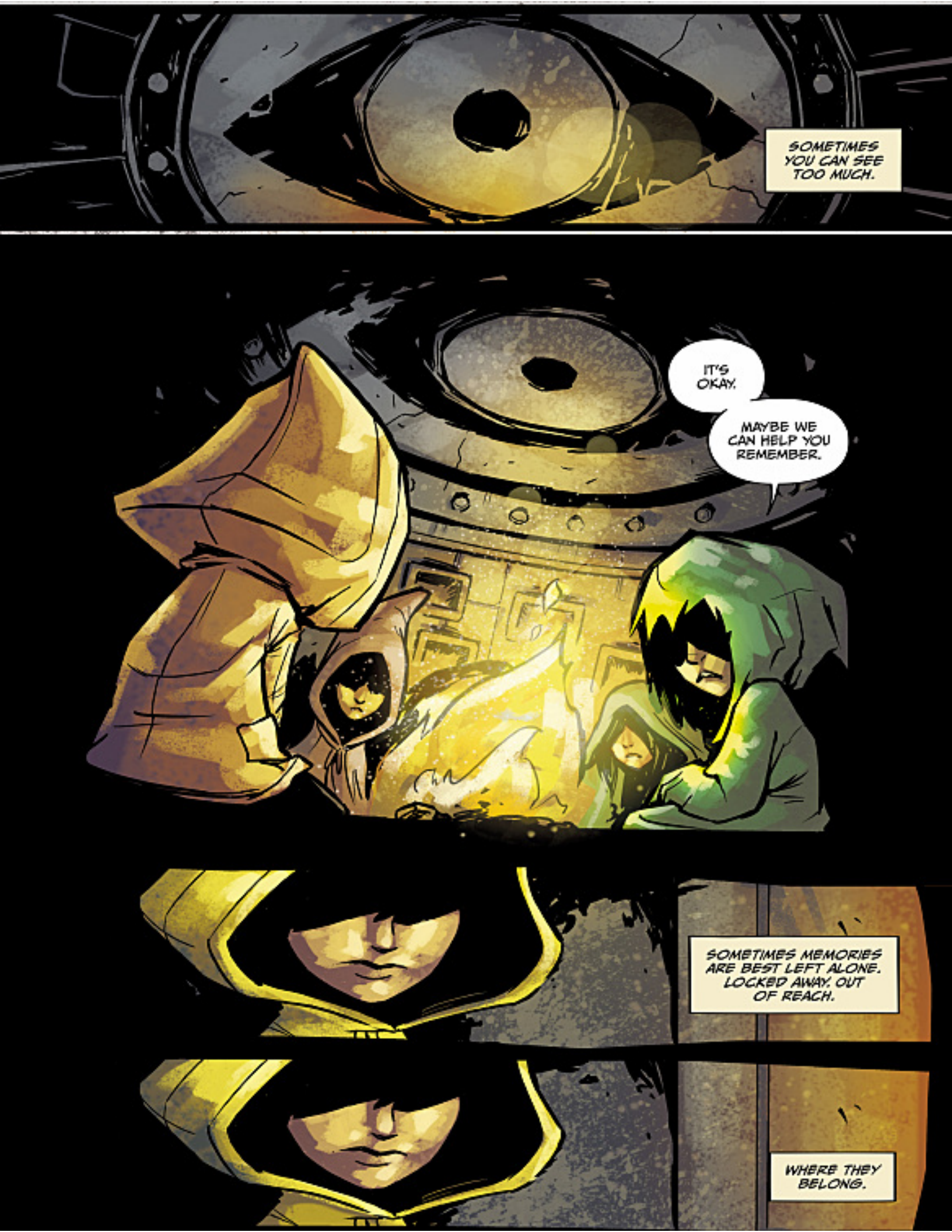
SO TELL US...
WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN?
BLUUGH
SLUUP
SOMETIMES THE LIGHT DOESN'T HELP AT ALL.

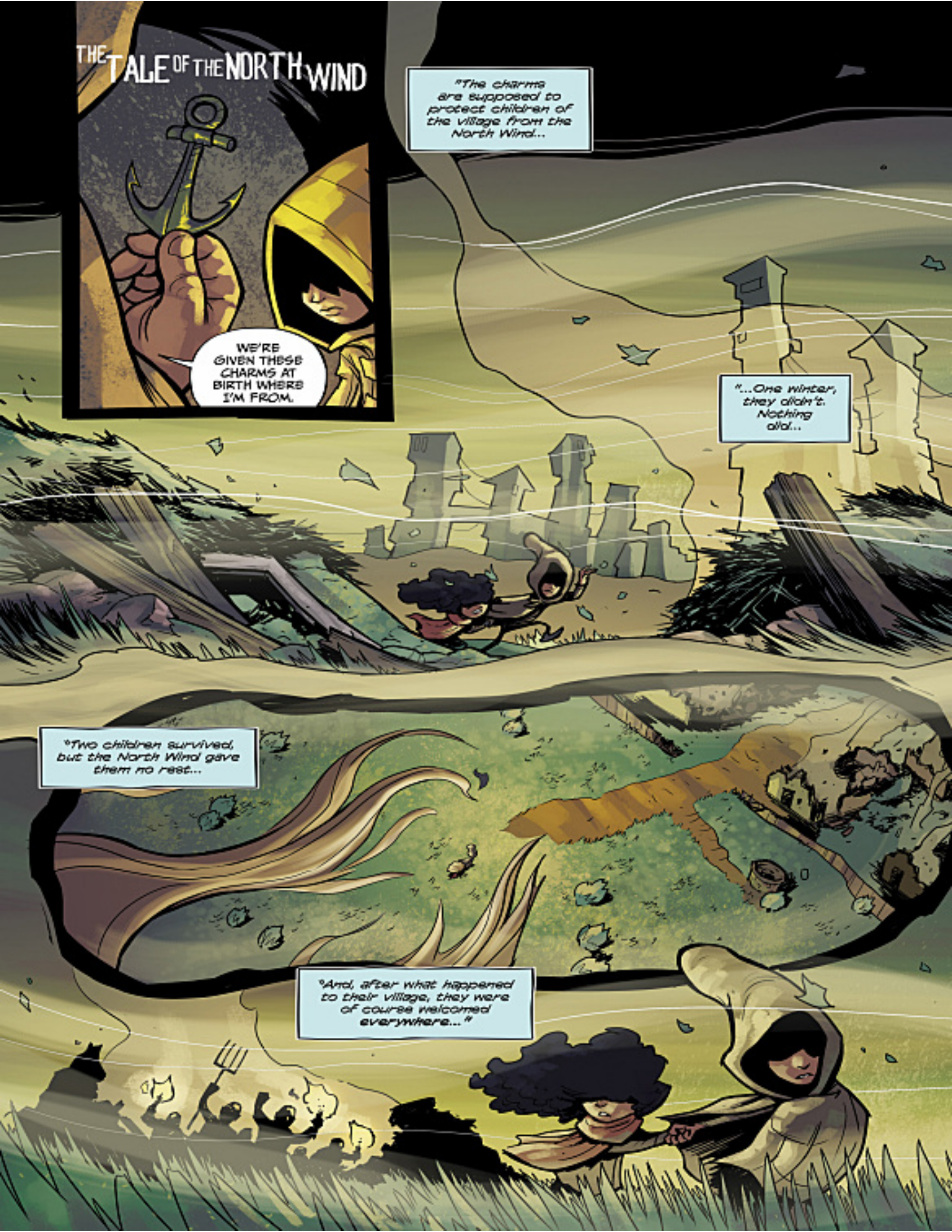
BECAUSE IN THE LIGHT...YOU SEE THINGS.
THOSE THINGS YOU TRY TO ESCAPE.
SO YOU LEAP BACK INTO THE DARKNESS, HOPING...

HOPE FADES, LIKE MEMORIES.
SLIPPING THROUGH YOUR FINGERS, UNTIL YOU'RE LEFT WITH NOTHING.
NOTHING BUT STORIES.
BECAUSE STORIES CAN'T HURT.

WHAT IS SHE HIDING?
WHAT HAS SHE SEEN?

IN THE END, THERE IS NO ESCAPE.
THE SHADOW IS ALWAYS NEAR.
WAITING FOR ITS CHANCE.
TAKING US HERE.


SOMETIMES YOU CAN SEE TOO MUCH.
IT'S OKAY.
MAYBE WE CAN HELP YOU REMEMBER.
SOMETIMES MEMORIES ARE BEST LEFT ALONE. LOCKED AWAY. OUT OF REACH.
WHERE THEY BELONG.


THE TALE OF THE NORTH WIND
WE'RE GIVEN THESE CHARMS AT BIRTH WHERE I'M FROM.
"The charms are supposed to protect children of the village from the North Wind...
"...One winter, they didn't. Nothing did...
"Two children survived, but the North Wind gave them no rest...
"And, after what happened to their village, they were of course welcomed everywhere..."

"So the children ran. The North Wind forever at their heels.
"These children, alone, unwanted, even the years passed them by."
I'M NOT RUNNING ANY MORE.
"Shelter. Warmth...
"Where little things hide away, safe from harm..."

"Respite was brief.
"The North Wind cannot be outrun."
MY BOY!
WHY WON'T YOU PLAY WITH ME?
COME OUT! COME OUT, NOW...
"Despite this shadow haunting his steps, the boy feared nothing of death..."
LEAVE US BE!
LEAVE ME BE!

LEAVE YOU BE? WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?
TO SAY NOTHING OF THE WAGER I'D LOSE...
EVEN THOUGH MY ADVERSARY IS A BIT OF A CHEAT.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
OH, YOU POOR LOST THING...

WHY ARE YOU MAKING ALL THIS SO HARD ON YOURSELF?
COME NOW-- AREN'T YOU TIRED OF RUNNING?
AREN'T YOU TIRED OF HIDING?

"The North Wind mocked the boy...
"...and the futility of his courage."
IT'S OVER. ADMIT IT.
GIVE UP.
I CAN'T! MY SISTER--
AH. THE GIRL!
THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO SEE.

JUST STEP OUTSIDE-- JUST FOR A MOMENT.
NO TRICKS?
NO TRICKS.
DON'T...
DON'T! DON'T LOOK!
WHEN?

"When?" The most pointless question of all..."
YOUR SISTER HAS BEEN MINE FOR A LONG TIME NOW.

"But there are others..."
WHO ARE YOU?
NO! I WAS SO CLOSE! THIS ISN'T FAIR!

"And so, a deal was struck...
"Shelter.
"Warmth...
I'M SAFE FROM HIM, AT LEAST...
"Where little things hide away...
"Safe from harm..."

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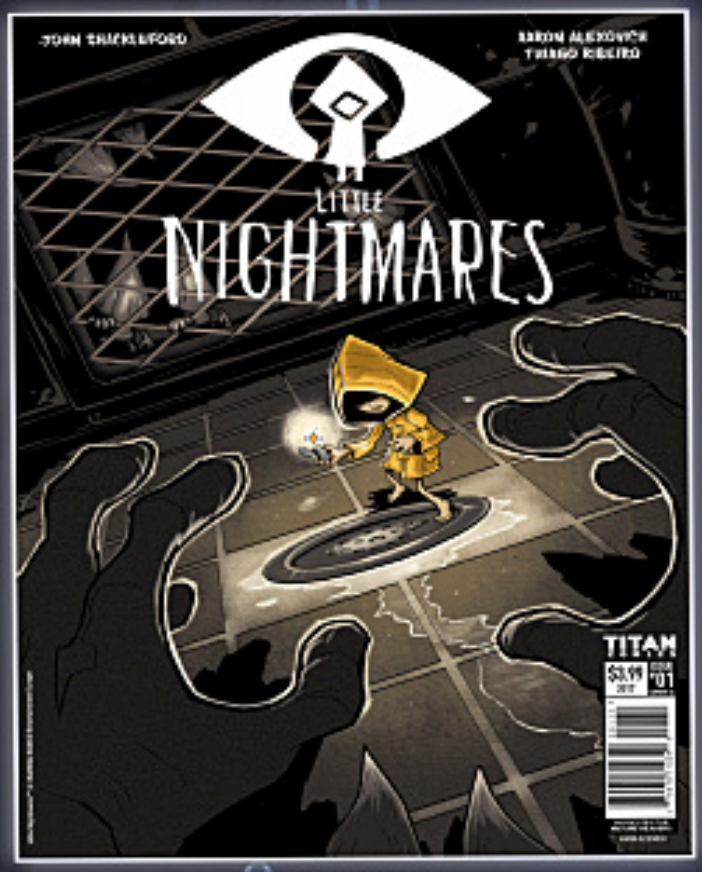

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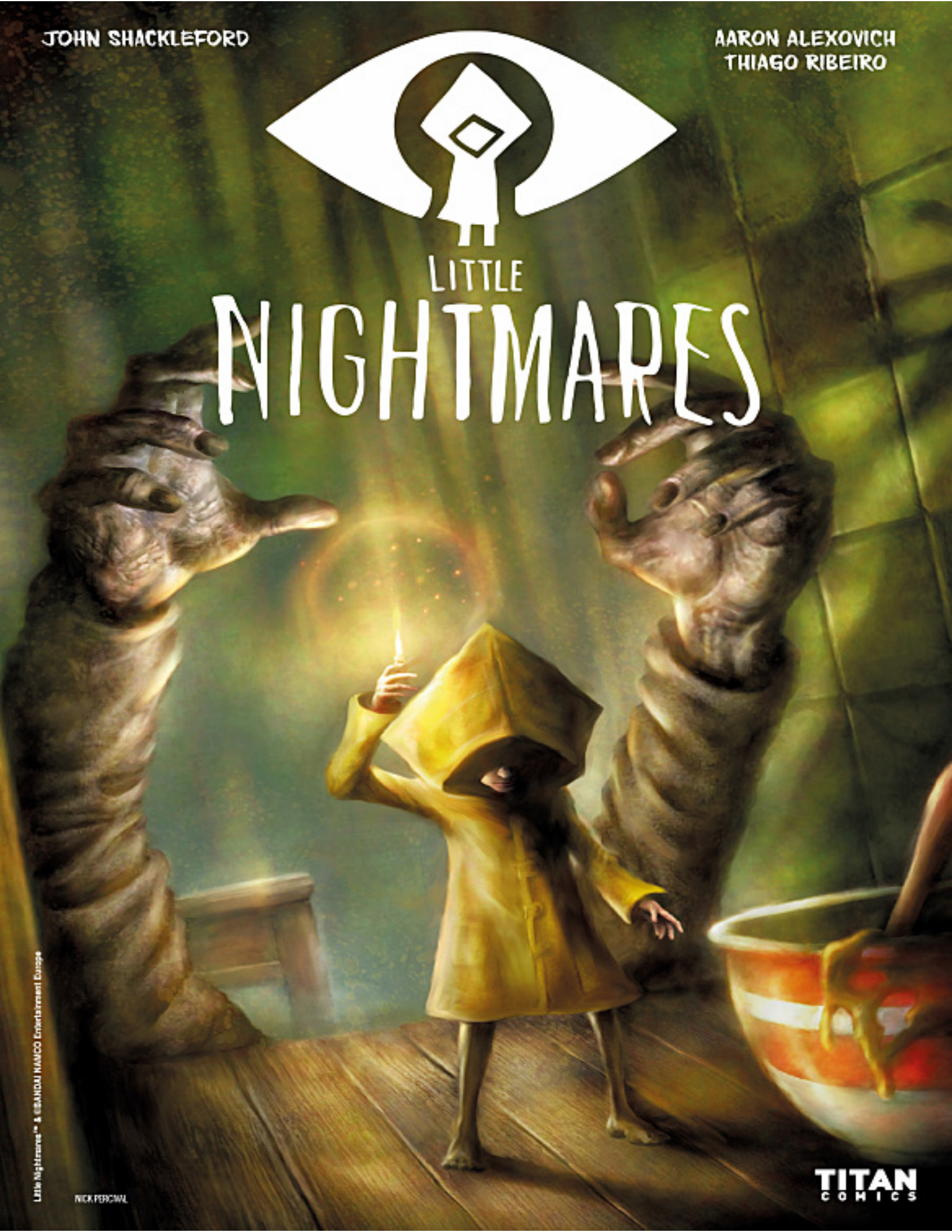
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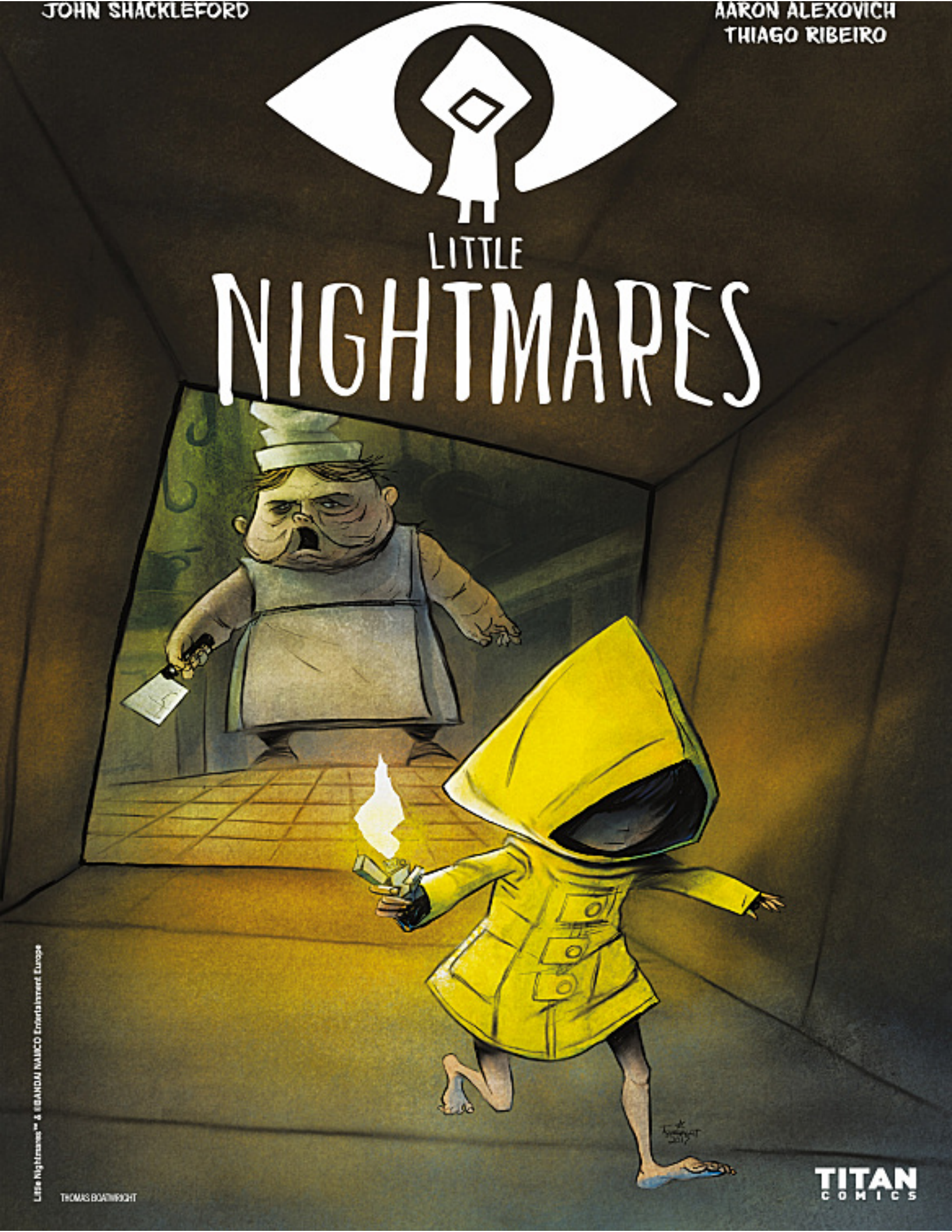

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